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Grey Rock Farm

RD 2, Box 91 Castleton Road

Darlington, Maryland 21034

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Brother's Discovery

AND/OR COMMON

Grey Rock Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2, Box 91 Castleton Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The Honorable and Mrs. C. Stanley Blair

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2, Box 91 Castleton Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 769

Folio #: 597

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This el-shaped rubblestone house is located on Castleton Road. Its eastern boundary borders on the Susquehanna River. The house faces southwest.

This dwelling is two stories high and has a slate roof. The gable flank roof was originally hipped on the southeast end but was altered by the present owners to add a frame gable with one attic window. This hipped roof may still be seen in the attic - it was not removed. Two corbeled brick chimneys are present. One is located on the northwest gable end, flush with the wall. The other chimney is located on the southwest wall of the eastern wing.

The coursed rubblestone dwelling has large, plain quoins at all corners. Large granite lintels are above both windows and doors. Large granite stones can also be seen on all sides of this house forming a horizontal line near the roofline. Directly above this granite feature is a stepped brick cornice. There are three rows of brick headers. Two iron tie rods dissect the house near the principle entrance. These are also visible inside the house, in the hallway near the ceiling.

The principal facade, the southwest side, is five bays long. The windows are two lights over two and have louvered shutters. The main entrance is in the center bay. The door is new and it also has new louvered shutters. An entrance porch protects this passage and is one story high. The flat roof has a balustraded deck. The window located on the south end of this facade was a door prior to the present ownership.

The southeast facade includes the el. A door had been located on this side's third bay but was changed into a window by the present owners. A door still exists on the opposite facade, however. A Bulkhead cellar entrance is located at the south end.

The northwest facade has had a modern one story frame kitchen added to it. This replaces a dilapidated frame shed which, although not original to the house, had been there for some time.

The facades which form the right angle of this el-shaped home originally had a two tier porch. This was altered and now is a single tier porch with columns being two stories high.

Changes inside this house are minimal. All but the dining room floors are the original hardwood. The plaster on stone walls were insulated. One passage was moved toward the middle of the hall and widened. And a modern bathroom was installed on the second floor.

The northwest room, the dining room, has a large plain fireplace which had been closed for many years. The present owners opened it up again. A large cooking crane found in the fireplace might indicate that this room was originally a kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The building of the Conowingo Dam caused the submersion of the mill, mill race and log dwelling associated with the tract in question, Brother's Discovery. The buildings associated with the mill industry are not shown on either Jennings and Herrick Map of 1858 or the Martenet Map of 1878. Warehouses are mentioned on the 1878 map. These are located near the Conowingo Bridge and the Canal.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mason, Samuel; Historic Sketches of Harford County

1814 Tax List (Maryland)

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French
Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

Jennings And Herrick Map of
1858.

Harford County Directory, 1953.

Jones, Fred C., The Village of
Darlington, 1947.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 128.35 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded by Rt. 623 on the west, the Susquehanna River on the east, and H. Sheridan Nagle's property on the north.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic District Commission

2/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

102 South Hickory Avenue

838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Blair - Jones house</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>East side of Md 623, Castleton Road, about 0.3 mi</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Darlington RFD</u> <u>north of Castleton and Glen Cove Road</u>			
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		CODE:	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Occupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Structure</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	
		In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>			
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <u>Stanley Blair</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Castleton Road</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Darlington</u>		STATE: <u>MD</u>	CODE:
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u> <u>40 S. MAIN ST.</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>		STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>	CODE:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<u>Much</u> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone masonry, 2 stories, L shape,
facing west, ~~the~~ five bays by two plus
two by two in the wing that runs east
along the south wall.

The L ~~form~~ contains a two-story high
porch, no floor on the second level, with square
columns, replacing a two-story porch.

The roofline has been altered from a hip
roof at the corner of the L ^(south west) to add a
frame ~~gable~~ with one window in the attic.
There are two chimneys. One is in the north
gable end. The location of the other suggests that a
smaller house might have consisted of just this
east wing.

Additions to the north end of the house
have closed off southeast from the north-east
porches.

(Is there an observable line in the masonry at the
middle of the second story windows, meaning that there was a
half-story at one time. Then the roof raised?)

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

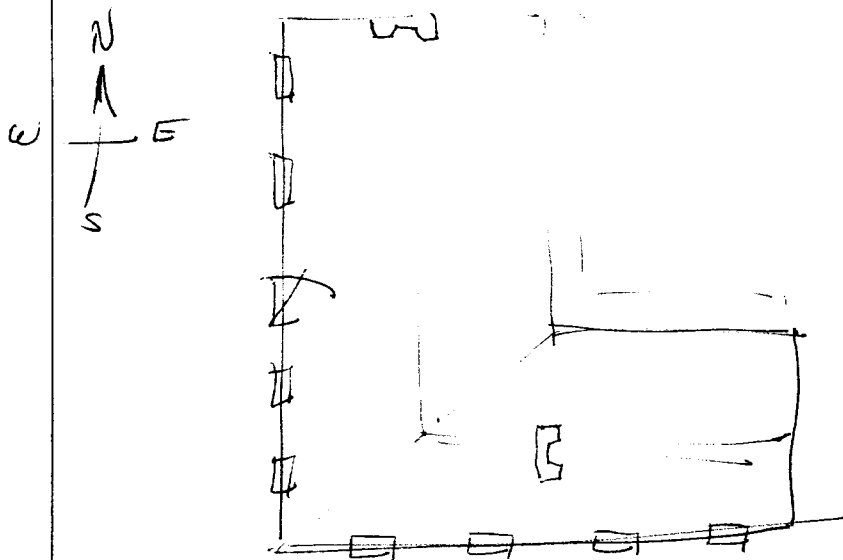
Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐Historion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This fine old farm house has been abandoned for many years since Mr. Jones' death, but its individuality in the old roofline and interior porches was appealing. Unnecessary stereotyping outside and presumably inside as well.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Jones was the author of a small privately printed book. The Village of Darlington.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE MARYLAND	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

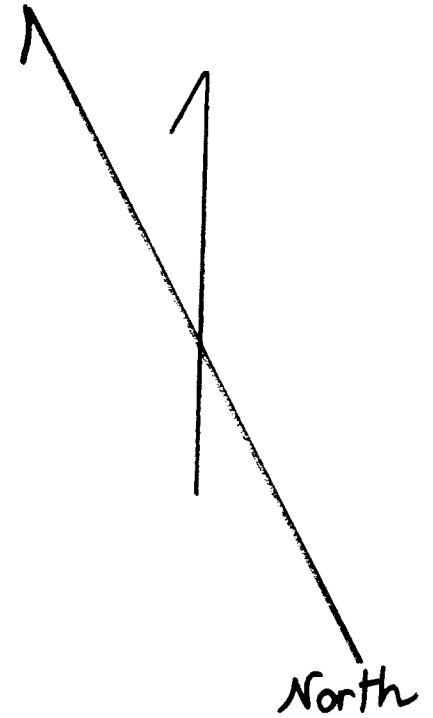
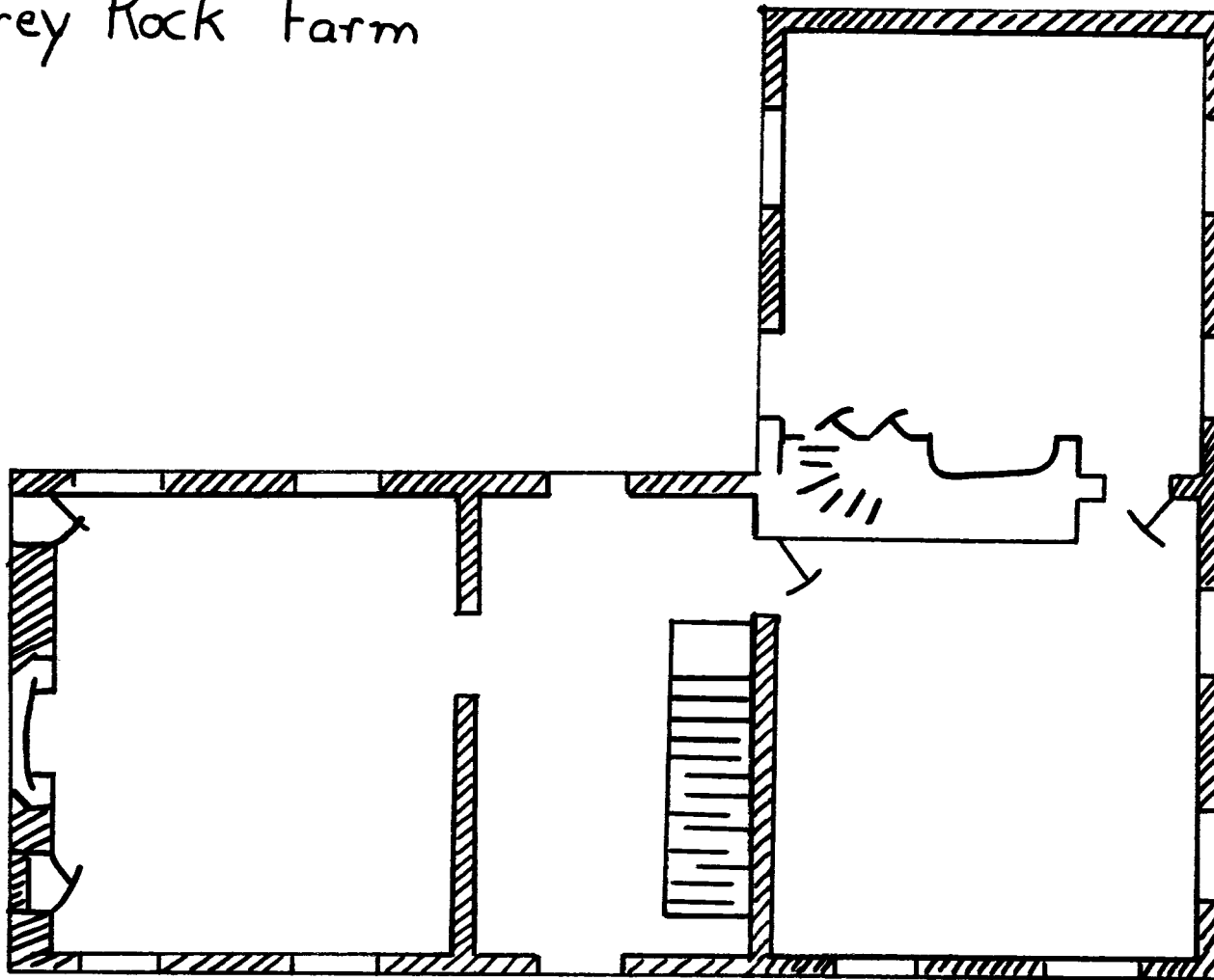
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Title Search
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C. Stanley Blair

GRG	769	597	2/19/1968	Grantor: Theodore R. Barker II and Gretchen K. Barker, his wife Grantee: C. Stanley Blair and Opal L. Blair Acreage: 128.35 acres "Brother's Discovery"
GRG	576	619	8/3/1954	Grantor: Edgar T. Marshall and Mabel B. Marshall, his wife Grantee: Theodore R. Barker II, and Gretchen K. Barker, his wife Acreage: "Brother's Discovery"
GRG	425	563	12/3/1954	Grantor: Reese A. Johnson and Viola L. Johnson, his wife Grantee: Edgar T. Marshall and Mabel B. Marshall Acreage: 128.35 acres -Including buildings
WSF	115	113	9/15/1905	Grantor: Hugh A. Jones, et al and Cornelia, his wife Grantee: Edward B. Warner Acreage: 128.35 acres "Brother's Discovery" and "Maiden's Mount" "Paradise"
ALJ	26	113	3/1/1870	Grantor: William A. Jones Grantee: Hugh Jones
CWB	7	341	12/4/1862	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Hugh Jones Grantee: Hugh A. Jones
HD	T	353	5/17/1808	Grantor: James Bevard Grantee: John Rickey
JLG	I	32	2/26/1790	Grantor: James Bevard, Sr. Grantee: James Bevard, Jr. Acreage: "Maiden's Mount" - Buildings
JLG	C	66	3/30/1779	Grantor: Isaac Webster Grantee: James Bevard, Sr. Acreage: 34 acres more or less

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Conowingo Dam
Quadrangle
7.5 Minute Series
U.S. Geological Survey



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Susan M. Deeney
February, 1978
Southwest



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Northeast



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